

REMARKS

Claims 4-8, 35-60, 64, 78-80, 84-86, 97-98, 100, 102-105, and 123-124 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 34, 61-63, 71, 83 and 87 have been amended to restrict the claimed compounds to those wherein the B ring is an all carbon ring, and also to correct typographical errors. New claim 125 has been added. With these amendments, the pending claims are 1-3, 9-34, 61-63, 65-77, 81-83, 87-96, 99, 101, 107-122, and 125. The amendments and claim cancellations are made without prejudice to the prosecution of the deleted subject matter in continuing applications. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The specification has been amended to update the priority claim.

Allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issue are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe a discussion of this matter would be helpful, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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